



# SOLVAY SODA ASH JOINT VENTURE

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Dear Dan:

The purpose of this letter is to request permission to conduct non-emission related, pre-construction activities.

On June 5, 1997, Solvay Soda Ash Joint Venture submitted a permit application for a 1.2 MM ton per year expansion of the existing soda ash facility. This application is currently under review in your office. I understand that the application may be ready for public comment by September 12, allowing the issuance of a permit no sooner than the middle of October 1997. To meet the mid 1999 completion date of the first (and largest) phase of the project, it would be advantageous to begin preliminary, non-emission related activities in early October. A brief description of these activities follows:

1. Relocate an existing warehouse - a foundation must be poured for the new location;
2. Reroute firewater, sewer and various other pipes in the facility area;
3. Pour foundation for "centralized" control room. Reorganization of the surface operations department will take place the first quarter of 1998. This will require the consolidation of the existing control rooms into one larger, centralized control room;
4. Pour a cement slab at the existing warehouse for material storage;
5. Install temporary power for construction trailers.

You will note that these pre-construction activities are not related to emission point sources. Actual expansion construction will begin in November 1997, following issuance of the air quality permit.

Solvay Soda Ash Joint Venture requests that the above noted pre-construction, non-emission related activities be approved by WDEQ. If you have any questions concerning these activities or the timeline, do not hesitate to contact me at (307) 872-6571.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Engineer

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